

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given a telephone interview with Mr. Alfonse Collins on 2/14/2010.
3. Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program executing on a processor which, when used on a requesting machine, causes ~~adapted to be stored on a data medium and including program instructions for executing the method according to claim 1 of~~ ending at least one request to be sent to a domain name server from the requesting machine, said domain name server being an E.164.arpa telephone number domain name server and each name being determined from an E.164 format destination telephone number contained in said request, the computer program comprising:

program code for executing a prior test of the validity of the destination telephone number of the request automatically and locally to the requesting machine relative to a telephone number database local to the requesting machine to forward the request from the requesting machine to the domain name server only if its destination telephone number passes said test;

program code for storing at least one numbering plan in the telephone number database local to the requesting machine, the numbering plan or each numbering plan

comprising at least one block of telephone numbers, and said test includes a step of determining whether the destination telephone number of the request belongs to a block of numbers of the numbering plan, the destination telephone number of the request failing said test if a result of the determination step is negative; and

program code for storing separate blocks of telephone numbers associated with respective prescribed characteristics of numbers in the block in the telephone number database local to the requesting machine and said determination step further comprises a step of determining to which block of telephone numbers in the telephone number database local to the requesting machine the destination telephone number of the request belongs, and if it is determined that the destination telephone number of the request belongs to a block of the numbering plan the characteristics associated with the block thus determined are read in the telephone number database local to the requesting machine, it is verified whether the destination telephone number of the request conforms to the characteristics thus read, and the request is forwarded from the requesting machine to the domain name server only if the verification result is a positive result.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUNG-HOANG J. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 8:30AM - 5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571 272 7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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